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For : DIAGNOSTIC AGENT FOR MALIGNANT MELANOMA

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 4, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end August 4, 2009, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.